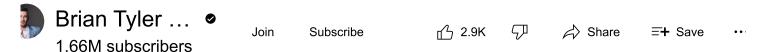
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5	(12/21/2021).
6	VIVEK MURTHY: I think, number one, we have
7	to track down where this misinformation is coming from
8	and understand how to hold platforms accountable, new
9	technology platforms that are driving so much of the
10	misinformation spread. Now, they may not be
11	intentionally driving that, and I actually don't think
12	that they are, but by allowing this misinformation to
13	proliferate on their sites, they're subjecting people
14	in the United States and around the world to
15	extraordinary harm, and they're doing so with little
16	accountability at this moment and really with very
17	little transparency. That can't be allowed to
18	continue because it's putting everyone's health at
19	risk. I do think that part of what they have to do,
20	the platforms is take aggressive action against people
21	who are intentionally spreading misinformation. We
22	call that disinformation; right? And misinformation
23	that's willfully spread and there are, you know, a
24	limited number of actors who are having an outsize
25	impact, you know, on people's health in an adverse

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1	way, but finally, you know, I think the way to reach
2	people in this ecosystem which isn't by the way
3	unfortunately going to change over night.
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